

REMARKS:

Claims 1-63 were pending when the Office Action was mailed, although the Office Action Summary does not mention claim 63 and the body of the Office Action does not mention claim 61. Claims 1-61 were originally filed and claims 62-63 were added by the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 17, 2001.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the claims to the first "invention" ("Invention I") identified in the Office Action. These include claims 1-5 and 28-31.

Claims 6-27 and 32-63 are canceled without prejudice and with the intention to preserve the option to pursue them in a continuing application.

Respectfully submitted,

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